



The 75th Anniversary Dinner

is now less than 2 weeks away and the deadline for buying a ticket is fast approaching! The dinner is being held on April 17th, 75 years to the day of the very first amateur radio club meeting in Thunder Bay. Joe Coghlan VE3TBX, is offering a \$25 gift certificate to the person who brings in the oldest ham radio. Door prizes. Buffet Dinner. Program includes historic photos, Amateur of the Year, antique radios and more.

Deadline to get your tickets is this Friday April 10th, 2009

Date: April 17, 2009

Place: Slovak Legion - Sun Room, 801 Atlantic Ave.

Time: 18:00 hrs (6 PM)

Price:\$30.00

You can buy tickets from Doug McCormack VE3EFC, who has an office in downtown Port Arthur at 28 North Cumberland, 2nd floor at "Cormack Technologies". He is there from 2:30 to 5:30 Mondays to Fridays.

Or, Get your tickets from any Executive Member! (or call me at 767-2246 - I'll deliver!)

73,

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

Prez Sez

Here we are at the 4th month of 2009 and now enter into some hallowed ground. Our 75th anniversary of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club happens on the 17th. The annual dinner meeting will be held on the exact day and month that the first meeting and creation of the LARC happened. I don't know who moved the planets to align so this could happen. We are fortunate that it did happen. That brings me to my next point. The tickets for the dinner are on sale for April 17, but we need a head count by the 10 of April. So if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please don't wait to the last minute. A lot of time and energy is going into getting you the biggest bang for your buck and we need your attention on this matter and your support. Get out there and make that call to one of the executive members that are selling tickets. The tickets are now open to all folks and not just club members. Seating is limited to 80 and please don't be 81. The executive names are listed on the website: larclub.net and also appear on this newsletter.

The 55+ Centre on River St. is being invaded by the amateur community. After a short run at trying to get people interested in ham radio, the computer age seemed to cut in and drew some of the interest away. Well, now just about everybody owns a computer and the interest to getting a station up and running again is back. The 55+ Center has given the green light to rebuild the ham shack at that site. A new group of amateurs with some very familiar faces have reformed the 55+ club station. SAO has a new executive and plans are being made as you read to have the station up and running for the Special Event Station VC3FW that will operate on April 18 and 19. There will be emails sent out to get people out to work this station from 9am to 5pm both days. If you can help out, contact the people in charge of the event and offer your help. There are work detail group that will require help before the 18 and 19.

That's it for this newsletter. Please get out and support your hobby. Make it everything you want it to be. See you at the dinner!!!

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

LARC SENATE

Keith Fiske VE3JQ
 Pat Doherty VE3PD
 Dave Kimpton VE3AVS
 Laurie Bridgett VE3BCD
 Terry Stewardson VA3LU
 Ed Baumann VE3SNW

ABOUT US

The :Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

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Past President

Bill Unger VE3XT

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club - Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - March 2, 2009 \$6,971.00

Income

Memberships	\$0.00
50/50 Draw	\$7.00
Annual Dinner	\$120.00
Bank Interest	\$0.05
Total Income	\$127.05

Expenses

TBay Telephone	\$47.83
Bank Service Charges	\$0.50
Meeting Expenses	\$45.00
Laminator & Supplies	\$157.25
Membership Expenses	\$11.30
Total Expenses	\$261.88

Balance on Hand - April 1, 2009 \$6,836.17

Joe Coghlan - VE3TBX
 LARC Treasurer

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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 145.490 (-600) (100.0 Hz)
 442.075 (+5 MHz)
 144.390 APRS

VE3BGA (Hillcrest H.S.) 145.450 (-600) (IRLP Node VA3LU 123.0 Hz)
 442.825 (+5 MHz) (100.0 Hz)
 VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Special Event Operators Needed VC3FW

As you all are aware this is our 75th anniversary and we are going to set up a special events station on Saturday April 18 and Sunday April 19 at the 55+ Centre.

We hope to operate at least 2 HF stations from 9 AM to 5 PM. To do it properly we will require 2 operators per station, an operator and a logger. I will be setting up a schedule of people who can help. It's a first come first served proposition so get back to me soon for choice times.

As the slots fill up I will send out a list of the schedule. There is no minimum or maximum time so feel free to stay as long as you want.

Thanks,
Bill Unger VE3XT

Minutes for the

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: March 12, 2009

Vice-President, Bob Hansen VE3RVA Presiding.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the report as printed in the March Hi-Q. Seconded by Lori Bedford VE3VAI. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Robert Mazur VA3ROM moved to accept the February meeting's minutes as printed in the March Hi-Q. Seconded by Doug McCormack VE3EFC. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business: Nil

Ham Classes: The ham classes are continuing every Thursday night at the college. There will be no class during March break.

Public Service: The next event will be the ten mile road race in May.

Sleeping Giant Loppet, March 7, 2009. (Formerly Sibley Ski Tour)

Norm Bell VE3XRC, reported a good turnout with ideal skiing conditions. The event net worked well with the new tower.

Repeater News Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, Terry Stewardson VA3LU and Paul Curtin VA3PDC went to the repeaters VE3TBR, and VE3BGA and the IRLP node VA3LU to make some audio adjustments.

NO MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 9TH ACCOUNT DINNER MEETING ON THE 17TH.

ARES: Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, reports progress being made in ordering vests for ARES. ARES wants to be consistent and compatible with the ICS (Incident Command System) vest format that is being implemented across Canada. He is looking at vests with a clear 8 ½ x 11 inch pocket on the back for inserting printed sheets. Randy will consult with Merv Halvorsen VA3TSA about available sizes and other info.

VE3ONN The station has email and Echolink, CQ100, full digital RTTY, and PSK. They are working on getting PACTOR on HF.

75th Anniversary Committee Crests will be arriving next week.

Annual Dinner Bob Hansen VE3RVA

Buy your tickets tonight!!

Full slab size (decorated with 75th crest) cake will be ordered for \$68.00 Program: -comedian approved by executive. Joe Coghlan VE3TBX, is offering \$25.00 prize to the person who brings in the oldest ham radio for display to the dinner.

For distributing dinner tickets... Doug McCormick VE3EFC has an office in downtown Port Arthur at 28 North Cumberland, 2nd floor at "Cormack Technologies". Best times for him to be there are 2:30 to 5:30 Monday to Fridays.

Operating event April 18th, 19th VC3FW

Ken Rusnak VE3EFZ reported that 55 Plus Centre has allowed us access into the Ham Radio Room, Monday to Friday 4:30 to 10 PM and weekends from 9 to 5 PM. Ken Rusnak VE3EFZ also mentioned he and Bob Hansen VE3RVA checked with 55 Plus on River Street as to the status of using their amateur radio facilities during the weekend of the 75th anniversary. The executive agreed that station hours could be kept to 9 to 5 and that linear amplifiers would not be necessary.

Special Callsign Prefixes: Reminder that all club members can use VC3 (VE3) and VB3 (VA3) special prefixes through the month of April.

Mush for the Cure March 14th Gunflint Trail: Last chance to get involved: see Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

New Business

CANWARN Training: Canwarn training is to take place May 8th. *(ed note...the date has been moved a couple of times, latest information is the 19th)* Environment Canada has asked that we invite more local groups to participate in the training. John Sacek VA3JMS will enquire about reserving a lecture hall, because there will be more than 50 people attending. Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved that the LARC accept the costs of the room for the Canwarn meeting if necessary. Seconded by Cliff Pratt VA3CLF, and passed unanimously.

75th Anniversary Clothing: Randy Gottfred VA3OJ had brought in price lists and clothing so that people could try on sizes and order clothing with the 75th anniversary crests embroidered on them. Callsigns and ARES logos are options.

70th Anniversary Pins: A limited number of pins are still available at \$10.00 each.

50/50 Draw: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Adjournment moved by: Paul Curtin VA3PDC

Next LARC Meeting: April 17, 2009.

The club station at **VE3ONN** has a web site hosted by emergencyradio.ca

Our web page is located here and is under construction at all times.

<http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/>

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Fred VE3FAL

CAMP 807 IN ATIKOKAN!

.....**START MAKING YOUR CAMPING PLANS**

Atikokan is hosting Camp 807 for the first time ever this August Long Weekend. This is an exciting and fun-filled way to meet and visit with other hams from the region. Check-out www.ve3fyn.ca/Camp807 for details.

Warren VE3FYN
Atikokan Amateur Radio Club President

Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club HAM FEST!

Sat. May 2nd, 2009

9:00am - 2:00pm

HEAD OF THE LAKES FAIRGROUNDS - MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING

4700 South Tower Ave. (Wisconsin Hwy 35) Superior, WI 54880

Fairgrounds are located next to the Superior Airport.

Admission: \$6.00 (12& under FREE!)

There is free parking for all vehicles. RV parking is free no power available.

New & used radios, supplies, equipment, and computer related items including software and hardware! Personalized Ham items also available!



Check out new equipment featured at the Burghardt's table!

This is an A.R.R.L. sanctioned event.



Talk-in on W0GKP Repeater:
146.940(-) [103.5] Duluth
147.000(-) [103.5] Mahtewa
146.940(-) [114.8] 2-Harbors

Dealer / Vendor Tables:
4 foot table: \$5.00
8 foot table: \$10.00
Vendor setup starts at: 7:00am

Testing on site!

10:00 AM
4-H Building
Contact: Doug
AA0AW / 218-626-2590

Table Reservations:

Robert Schulz, KCONFB
115 Eden Lane
Duluth, MN 55805-1533
218-724-6957
arac_hamfest@charter.net

Hourly Drawings!

**Over 55?
HELP REACTIVATE
VE3SAO
AT THE 55 PLUS CENTRE
CONTACT BOB HANSEN
VE3RVA**

North East Regional Directors Report March 2009



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on March 24 starting at 2330Z. Unfortunately I was not able to attend as I had another commitment. When I receive the minutes from Corporate Secretary, Linda VE9GLF I will bring you up to date.

In March I participated in the Sleeping Giant Loppet, which consists of a 5, 10, 35 and 50 km cross country ski race. The Lakehead Amateur Club has provided communications for this event since its inception. I am also aware of the Ottawa area providing communications for the

Canadian Ski Marathon. I'm sure many clubs do public service work. If you get a moment please tell me what your club is doing so I can feature it here and possibly in TCA.

What prompted this was that as I am writing this report Amateurs in Winnipeg are starting to deploy along the dikes to provide communications as the Red River is flooding and ARES is responding.

The only way to stay sharp is to practice, practice and practice some more. If you are asked please consider participating in your clubs public service events. I believe the future of Amateur Radio is in helping others.

If your local repeater is connected to the IRLP check the Ontario ARES Net on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8PM on node 9005. For a list of the Ontario repeaters connected follow the following link: <http://www.emoares.org/irlpnodes.shtml>

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

73

Bill Unger VE3XT

North East Ontario

Regional Director

Earthquake in Italy

April 6, 2009

An earthquake that registered between 5.8 and 6.3 magnitude struck L'Aquila, the capital of Italy's Abruzzo region, about 104 km northeast of Rome, early Monday morning. News reports say the quake has killed more than 90 people, with at least 50,000 left homeless. According to cluster spots, 7045 Khz and 3640 kHz are being used as emergency frequencies, so please keep these frequencies clear. (From the ARRL web site)

ARES Activated in Manitoba

2009-03-26

Initial requests for assistance by ARES in Manitoba have been received from Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization and from the City of Winnipeg Emergency Program.

Both organizations are in the process of activating their Emergency Operations Centers and have requested ARES radio operators to begin staffing the radio room at the facilities beginning Monday March 30th, 2009.

Jeff Dovyak – DEC Capitol Region advises that he is beginning the process of scheduling ARES radio operators for these current taskings.

Further requirements are likely as water levels rise, and will be communicated when received.

In particular, there may be a requirement for identifying 2 or 3 "Go Teams" comprised of two ARES operators with radios, antennas and power supplies that could be tasked to attend to a ring dike community on short notice. DEC's are asked to communicate this possible requirement with their EC's and regional membership to identify ARES members who could participate in such teams.

Further requests for assistance may be received as local conditions can change quickly.

commitments and potential needs for mutual aid amongst ARES units across the province.

Don Gerrard – VE4DWG

Section Emergency Coordinator – Manitoba.

Venus or Bust

In a press release, Amsat Germany President Peter Guelzow, DB2OS, reported that on March 25th a team from his organization used a ground station at the Bochum Observatory to transmit radio signals to Venus.

He says that Morse code was used to transmit the well known letters "HI." This was the same message transmitted back to Earth from the early AMSAT OSCAR satellites.

But this time the trip in space was a lot longer than one to and from Earth orbit. After travelling almost 100 million kilometers round trip with an en-route delay of about 5 minutes, the two letters were clearly received back on Earth as echoes from the planets surface.

DB2OS says that despite the bad weather, signals from Venus could be detected from 10:38 UTC until the planet reached the local horizon. He says that the experiment was repeated on Thursday, March 26th for several hours, again with good echoes from Venus.

Peter Guelzow, DB2OS, is very happy with the results of the EVE experiment. He calls it another milestone for ham radio on its way toward launching its own interplanetary probe towards planet Mars.

(AMSAT-DL)

RAC Meeting Cancelled

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of Radio Amateurs of Canada has been postponed. This, due to a shift in accounting procedures.

According to an announcement, a change in the bookkeeping system at the Radio Amateurs of Canada headquarters office resulting in unforeseen complications,. As a result the Annual General Meeting of Radio Amateurs of Canada members, scheduled for May 24, 2009, in Quebec, has had to be cancelled..

Radio Amateurs of Canada says that the presentation of an audited financial statement at the meeting is an important and long established practice. Because of the delay caused by the transfer to a new bookkeeping method, the possibility of having an audited statement being ready for the meeting is not possible. Another date and venue for the required 2009 Radio amateurs of Canada Annual General Meeting is being sought and will be announced as soon as it is known. (RAC)

RAC AND CANADIAN RED CROSS ENTER INTO MOU

A renewed Memorandum of Understanding has now been signed between Radio Amateurs of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross Society. The document spells out certain obligations by Canadian ARES volunteers and by the Red Cross. English and French versions may be seen online at

<http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/download.htm> (RAC)

**Every Tuesday at 1900 on VE3YQT
is the LARC 2 meter A.R.E.S. net.**

April 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			coffee meet at Boston on Arthur 2100 hrs.			
	ARES VHF NET 1900 on VE3YQT	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Note: No meeting at Con College	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 75th Dinner Get your tickets now	18 Special Event Station	19 at 55+ Centre
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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